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***PATENT***

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***PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT***

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 1, 2006, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.